MEMORANDUM

Agenda Item No. 11(A)(18)

TO:

Honorable Chairman Jean Monestime

and Members, Board of County Commissioners

DATE:

January 21, 2015

FROM:

R. A. Cuevas, Jr.

County Attorney

SUBJECT:

Resolution directing the County

Mayor to prepare a report containing an implementation plan for a Snapper Creek Linear

Park from Sunset Drive to

Biscayne Bay

The accompanying resolution was prepared and placed on the agenda at the request of Prime Sponsor Senator Javier D. Souto.

R. A. Cuevas, Jr. County Attorney

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(Revised)

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Please note any items checked.

"3-Day Rule" for committees applicable if raised

6 weeks required between first reading and public hearing

4 weeks notification to municipal officials required prior to public hearing

Current information regarding funding source, index code and available

balance, and available capacity (if debt is contemplated) required

Approved	Mayor	Agenda Item No.	11(A)(18)
Veto		1-21-15	
Override			
	RESOLUTION NO.		

RESOLUTION DIRECTING THE COUNTY MAYOR OR COUNTY MAYOR'S DESIGNEE TO PREPARE A REPORT CONTAINING AN IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR A SNAPPER CREEK LINEAR PARK FROM SUNSET DRIVE TO BISCAYNE BAY

WHEREAS, this Board has previously directed that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee prepare a report regarding implementation of an initiative to transform various lands underneath the MetroRail right-of-way into a contiguous ten-mile walkway, bike path, linear park, and transit mobility corridor from the Miami River north of the Brickell MetroRail Station to the Dadeland South MetroRail Station known as "The Underline" project; and

WHEREAS, the creation of an additional linear park along Snapper Creek Canal from Sunset Drive to Biscayne Bay, the "Snapper Creek Linear Park," connecting with The Underline, will increase usage for both projects as well as be the first step in the creation of a linked network of linear parks which promote recreation activities as well as enhanced urban mobility; and

WHEREAS, the creation of linear parks is consistent with the 2008 Miami-Dade County Parks and Open Spaces System Master Plan by enhancing the County's system of parks, public spaces, natural and cultural areas connected by greenways, waterways, trails and linear parks in order to create a healthier, greener and a more economically vibrant place to live, work and play; and

WHEREAS, the Snapper Creek Linear Park project will result in improvements to social, environmental, and economic conditions in the area under consideration by adding much-needed green space and a transit-connected biking and walking corridor to a heavily-populated area; and

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WHEREAS, as with The Underline, a Snapper Creek Linear Park will provide an urban restoration of natural habitats for plant and animal life in a park setting; and

WHEREAS, as the area under consideration is adjacent to Snapper Creek and potentially involves use of County-owned right-of-way, the County should take a leadership role in planning and promoting this project; and

WHEREAS, this Board wishes to review an implementation plan prepared by the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee which details how a Snapper Creek Linear Park can be realized, along with the cost, potential funding sources, and a timeline for construction,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, that the County Mayor or County Mayor's designee is directed to prepare a report containing an implementation plan for a Snapper Creek linear park from Sunset Drive to Biscayne Bay which includes, at a minimum, the cost, potential funding sources and a timeline for construction. The County Mayor or County Mayor's designee shall provide the report to this Board within 90 days of the effective date of this resolution and shall place the completed report on an agenda of the Board pursuant to Ordinance No. 14-65.

The Prime Sponsor of the foregoing resolution is Senator Javier D. Souto. It was offered by Commissioner , who moved its adoption. The motion was seconded by Commissioner and upon being put to a vote, the vote was

as follows:

Jean Monestime, Chairman Esteban L. Bovo, Jr., Vice Chairman

Bruno A. Barreiro
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Sally A. Heyman
Dennis C. Moss
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The Chairperson thereupon declared the resolution duly passed and adopted this 21st day of January, 2015. This resolution shall become effective upon the earlier of (1) 10 days after the date of its adoption unless vetoed by the County Mayor, and if vetoed, shall become effective only upon an override by this Board, or (2) approval by the County Mayor of this Resolution and the filing of this approval with the Clerk of the Board.

MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA BY ITS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

HARVEY RUVIN, CLERK

Approved by County Attorney as to form and legal sufficiency.

(MP)

Alex S. Bokor